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Chapter 1. LSF resource connector auditing

With this release, LSF will log resource connector VM events along with usage information into a new file **rc.audit.x** (one log entry per line in JSON format). The purpose of the rc.audit.x log file is to provide evidence to support auditing and usage accounting as supplementary data to third party cloud provider logs. The information is readable by the end user as text and is hash protected for security.

LSF also provides a new command-line tool **rclogsvalidate** to validate the logs described above. If the audit file is tampered with, the tool will identify the line which was modified and incorrect.

New parameters have been added to LSF in the lsf.conf configuration file:

- LSF_ RC_AUDIT_LOG: If set to Y, enables the resource connector auditor to generate log files.
- RC_MAX_AUDIT_LOG_SIZE: An integer to determine the maximum size of the rc.audit.x log file, in MB.
- RC_MAX_AUDIT_LOG_KEEP_TIME: An integer that specifies the amount of time that the resource connector audit logs are kept, in months.

rclogsvalidate

Displays audit logs for LSF resource connector.

Synopsis

rclogsvalidate -l [-d start_tine,end_time]

rclogsvalidate -n number

rclogsvalidate [-h] | [-V]

Description

Options

-1 [-d start time, end time]

Displays audit logs for the last hour.

To display audit logs for a specified time interval, use the -d option and specify the times in the following format: yyyy/mm/dd/HH:MM

Use a comma to separate the start and end times and do not use spaces when specifying the time interval.

-n *number*

Displays and checks audit logs in consecutive order starting with the specified number (rc.audit.number) and ending with the current log. You must specify a positive integer.

If none of the checked logs is tampered, this command exits with return code $\boldsymbol{0}$

If any logs are tampered, this command stops and exits with return code 99.

This command returns an error if the rc.audit.integer file (from rc.audit.number to the current log file) does not exist.

- -h Prints command usage to stderr and exits.
- -V Prints LSF resource connector release version to stderr and exits.

LSF_RC_AUDIT_LOG

Syntax

 $LSF_RC_AUDIT_LOG=Y \mid y \mid N \mid n$

Description

If set to Y or y, enables the LSF resource connector auditor to generate log files.

Default

N.

See also

RC_MAX_AUDIT_LOG_SIZE, RC_MAX_AUDIT_LOG_KEEP_TIME

RC_MAX_AUDIT_LOG_KEEP_TIME

Syntax

RC_MAX_AUDIT_LOG_KEEP_TIME=integer

Description

Specifies the amount of time that LSF keeps the resource connector audit log files, in months.

Default

Not defined.

See also

LSF_RC_AUDIT_LOG, RC_MAX_AUDIT_LOG_SIZE

RC_MAX_AUDIT_LOG_SIZE

Syntax

RC_MAX_AUDIT_LOG_SIZE=integer

Description

Specifies the maximum size of the LSF resource connector audit log files, in MB.

Default

Not defined.

See also

LSF_RC_AUDIT_LOG, RC_MAX_AUDIT_LOG_KEEP_TIME

Chapter 2. Isportcheck utility

A new **Isportcheck** utility has been added to LSF. This utility can be used to check the required ports for LSF and include detailed information, whether it is being used or not.

The Isportcheck utility only checks ports on the host for availability. It discovers the ports by reading the configuration files. If the line is commented out or if there is no value, it will use the default values.

The lsportcheck utility must be executed by the root user, since the tool uses 'netstat' and needs root to get the complete information on the ports of the OS.

Before running this tool, you must source the profile or set the environment variable LSF_TOP.

The utility is installed at <LSF_TOP>/<VERSION>/<PLATFORM>/bin/, for example, /opt/lsf/10.1/linux2.6-glibc2.3-x86 64/bin/

Usage:

Isportcheck

lsportcheck -h

lsportcheck -l[-m | -s]

Description:

Without arguments will output command usage and exit.

- -h Output command usage and exit.
- -1 List TCP and UDP ports on master.
- -1 -m List TCP and UDP ports on master.
- -1 -s List TCP and UDP ports on slave.

Note: Isportcheck can only be run by root.

Source the relative IBM Spectrum LSF shell script after installation:

For csh or tcsh: 'source \$LSF_ENVDIR/cshrc.lsf'

For sh, ksh, or bash: 'source \$LSF_ENVDIR/profile.lsf'

Example output:

Example of the output using command <code>lsportcheck -l</code> or <code>lsportcheck -l -m</code> on <code>LSF master:</code>

Checking ports required on host [mymaster1]

Program Na	me Port Numbe	r Protocol	Binding Address	PID/Status
lim	7869	ТСР	0.0.0.0	1847
lim	7869	UDP	0.0.0.0	1847
res	6878	TCP	0.0.0.0	1881
sbatchd	6882	TCP	0.0.0.0	1890
mbatchd	6881	TCP	0.0.0.0	1921
mbatchd	6891	TCP	0.0.0.0	1921
pem	7871	TCP	0.0.0.0	1879
vemkd	7870	TCP	0.0.0.0	1880
egosc	7872	TCP	0.0.0.0	3226
Optional p	orts:			
wsgserver	9090	ТСР	0.0.0.0	[Not used]
named	53	TCP	0.0.0.0	[Not used]
named	53	UDP	0.0.0.0	[Not used]
named	953	TCP	0.0.0.0	[In use by

Example output:

Example of the output using command lsportcheck -1 -s on LSF slave: Checking ports required on host [host1]

Program Name	Port Number	Protocol	Binding Address	PID/Status
lim	7869	ТСР	0.0.0.0	1847
lim	7869	UDP	0.0.0.0	1847
res	6878	TCP	0.0.0.0	1881
sbatchd	6882	TCP	0.0.0.0	1890
pem	7871	TCP	0.0.0.0	1879

Chapter 3. UNIX support for Ismail

The mail program **Ismail** is now available for LSF on UNIX platforms, and works like **Ismail.exe** for LSF on Windows.

LSB_MAILSERVER and LSB_MAILPROG in lsf.conf have been updated to provide support for lsmail on UNIX. Note the configuration differences between UNIX and Windows.

LSB_MAILPROG

Syntax

LSB MAILPROG=file_name

Description

Path and file name of the mail program used by LSF to send email. This is the electronic mail program that LSF uses to send system messages to the user. When LSF needs to send email to users it invokes the program defined by LSB MAILPROG in lsf.conf.

In a mixed cluster, you can specify different programs for Windows and UNIX. You can set this parameter during installation on Windows.

LSF provides the **sendmail** program, which supports the **sendmail** protocol on UNIX. You can also write your own custom mail program and set LSB_MAILPROG to the path where this program is stored.

LSF also provides the <code>lsmail</code> program for Unix (supporting SMTP) and the <code>lsmail.exe</code> program for Windows (supporting both SMTP and Microsoft Exchange Server). If <code>lsmail</code> is specified, the parameter <code>LSB_MAILSERVER</code> must also be specified. On Windows, <code>lsmail.exe</code> can be configured directly. On Unix, the full path to the <code>lsmail</code> binary is required for configuration.

If you change your mail program, the LSF administrator must restart sbatchd on all hosts to retrieve the new value.

UNIX

By default, LSF uses /usr/lib/sendmail to send email to users. LSF calls LSB_MAILPROG with two arguments; one argument gives the full name of the sender, and the other argument gives the return address for mail.

LSB_MAILPROG must read the body of the mail message from the standard input. The end of the message is marked by end-of-file. Any program or shell script that accepts the arguments and input, and delivers the mail correctly, can be used.

LSB_MAILPROG must be executable by any user.

Windows

If LSB MAILPROG is not defined, no email is sent.

Examples

LSB_MAILPROG=1smail.exe
LSB_MAILPROG=/serverA/tools/lsf/bin/unixhost.exe

Default

Unix: /usr/lib/sendmail

Windows: empty

See also

LSB_MAILSERVER, LSB_MAILTO

LSB_MAILSERVER

Syntax

For Windows:LSB_MAILSERVER=mail_protocol:hostname

For UNIX: LSB_MAILSERVER=hostname

Description

Part of mail configuration on Windows and Unix.

This parameter only applies when **lsmail** is used as the mail program (LSB_MAILPROG=lsmail.exe). Otherwise, it is ignored.

On Windows, specify the protocol and name of the mail server host. For an SMTP mail host, specify SMTP: hostname. For an exchange mail host, specify EXCHANGE: hostname. That is:

LSB_MAILSERVER=[SMTP: | EXCHANGE:]hostname

On UNIX, specify just the name of the mail server host. That is:

LSB MAILSERVER=hostname

Note: On Unix, only SMTP is supported as the *mail_protocol*.

This parameter is set during installation of LSF or is modified by the LSF administrator.

If this parameter is modified, the LSF administrator must restart sbatchd on all hosts to retrieve the new value.

Default

Not defined

See also

LSB_LOCALDIR, LSB_MAILTO, and LSB_MAILPROG

Chapter 4. Interactive logon

Use the interactive logon option to modify the Windows Logon Type on the execution host (the host running the job)from logon as a batch job to logon interactively when jobs are run on the execution host.

About interactive logon

In order for jobs to run, the Windows user account privilege **logon as a batch job** must be set on all Windows hosts that can run jobs for Windows submission user accounts. A job fails if the submitting Windows user account does not have this privilege on the execution host.

Enabling interactive logon is an alternative to setting the **logon as a batch job** privilege for all users running work on Windows hosts.

In environments where it is not desirable to assign a **logon as a batch job** privilege to all Windows user accounts, you can enable the interactive logon option and assign the **logon interactively** privilege to all Windows user accounts instead. LSF uses **logon interactively** instead of **logon as a batch job** when running jobs.

Scope

Operating system	Windows hosts (all supported Platforms).		
Not required for	• UNIX execution hosts.		
	 User account mapping UNIX hosts. 		
Application	This option applies to Windows execution hosts.		
Dependencies	 On Windows hosts that may run work, you must grant the logo interactively privilege to Windows user accounts. 		
Limitations	 You can configure this option and use logon interactively or use logon as a batch job. You cannot use both at the same time. 		

LSB_LOGON_INTERACTIVE

Syntax

LSB_LOGON_INTERACTIVE=Y|y|N|n

Description

If LSB_LOGON_INTERACTIVE is set to Y or y in 1sf.conf, LSF executes jobs on the Windows host with the **logon interactively** Windows Logon Type.

If LSB_LOGON_INTERACTIVE is set to N, n, or any other value in lsf.conf, LSF executes jobs on the Windows host with the **logon as a batch job** Windows Logon Type.

If LSB_LOGON_INTERACTIVE is not set in lsf.conf, LSF executes jobs on the Windows host:

- With the **logon as a batch job** Windows Logon Type when the operating system on the Windows execution host is earlier thanVista.
- With the **logon interactively** Windows Logon Type when the operating system on the Windows execution host is Vista or later.

Default

LSB_LOGON_INTERACTIVE=N, LSF executes jobs on the Windows host with the **logon as a batch job** Windows Logon Type.

Enable interactive logon

Before you begin

Prerequisites:

Set the **logon interactively** privilege for submission Windows user accounts on all hosts where a job submitted by these Windows users could run.

Procedure

1. As the LSF administrator, set LSB_LOGON_INTERACTIVE=Y in lsf.conf. This setting authorizes Windows user accounts that have the **logon interactively** privilege set in the local security policy on the host that runs the job.

Important:

The job will fail if the submission user account does not have the **logon interactively**privilege on the Windows execution host.

2. Run badmin reconfig.

Chapter 5. Automatically create the LSF hosts file on Linux/UNIX

About this task

The LSF hosts file located in \$LSF_CONFDIR associates host names and IP addresses in LSF. This is useful for hosts with multiple IP addresses and different official host names configured at the system level. You can use the command **hostsfilesetup** to automatically create the LSF hosts file for all hosts in your cluster, and to update the LSF hosts file.

Procedure

- 1. Install LSF and set up the lsf.cluster.cluster_name file with the official name of hosts
- 2. As root or the LSF primary administrator, log on to one of the master candidate hosts and use **hostsfilesetup** to automatically create the \$LSF_CONFDIR/hosts file.

\$ hostsfilesetup

Note: The LSF primary administrator or root must be able to access all UNIX/Linux hosts in the cluster with password-less rsh or ssh from the host on which this command is run. If password-less rsh is not configured, access to remote hosts fails. If password-less ssh is not configured, the user account running this command is prompted for a password.

hostsfilesetup

Synopsis

hostsfilesetup [-m host_name [, host_name , ...] | -m all][-v ipv4 | -v ipv6][-r rsh | -r ssh]

hostsfilesetup -h | -V

Description

You must be root or the primary LSF administrator to run this command have access to all UNIX/Linux hosts in the cluster with password-less rsh or ssh from the host on which this command is run. If password-less rsh is not configured, access to remote hosts fails. If password-less ssh is not configured, the user account running this command is prompted for a password.

This command is only available on Linux/UNIX from LSF server hosts that have access to the <code>lsf.cluster_name</code> file, and from LSF master candidate hosts.

By default, when no options are used, creates the LSF hosts file(\$LSF_CONFDIR/hosts) and maps host names to IP addresses and host aliases, for all hosts in the cluster defined in thelsf.cluster.cluster_name file. By default, uses the shell defined by the parameter LSF_RSH in the lsf.conf file to log in to each host to

discover IP address and alias information. If LSF_RSH is not defined and a shell is not specified, rsh is used. IP addresses are written in dotted quad notation(IPv4) in the \$LSF_CONFDIR/hosts file.

The \$LSF CONFDIR/hosts file has the following format:

```
ip address official host name [alias [alias ...]]
```

For example, host1.example.com has two network interfaces and would be listed in the hosts file as:

```
190.123.55.77 host1.example.com alias-AA
190.123.55.88 host1.example.com alias-BB
```

Note: In certain cases, **hostsfilesetup** may not be able to retrieve all aliases for a host. If any host aliases are missing, you manually add them to the hosts file.

When a new file is created, the file is owned by the primary LSF administrator. If the hosts file exists, original file ownership permissions are maintained.

Options

```
-m host name [ , host name , ...]-m all
```

Updates the \$LSF_CONFDIR/hosts file and adds entries to map IP addresses to host names and aliases for the specified hosts. The host names that you specify must be the same names as listed in the lsf.cluster.cluster_name file.

If the keyword all is used, updates entries for all hosts in the lsf.cluster.cluster name file.

```
-v ipv4 | -v ipv6
```

Specifies whether entries in the hosts file are written in a dotted quad notation (IPv4) or IP Next Generation (IPv6) format.

If you specify ipv6, ensure LSF_ENABLE_SUPPORT_IPV6=y in the configuration file lsf.conf.

```
-r rsh | -r ssh
```

Indicates whether to use rsh or ssh to log on to the specified hosts to discover host IP and alias information.

-h

Prints the command usage to stderr and exits.

-1

Prints the product release version to stderr and exits.

Examples

Create the \$LSF CONFDIR/hosts file, include all hosts in the cluster, and use IPv4 format to write to the file and rsh to log in to each host to discover IP address and aliases:

```
$ hostsfilesetup -r rsh
```

Update the \$LSF_CONFDIR/hosts file: hosts host1.example.com,host2example.com, IPv4 format to write to the file, rsh to log in to each host to discover IP address and aliases:

```
$ hostsfilesetup -m host1.example.com,host2.example.com -r rsh
```

Update the entire \$LSF_CONFDIR/hosts file, include all hosts in the cluster, and use IPv4 format and ssh:

\$ hostsfilesetup -m all -r ssh

Overwrite the existing \$LSF_CONFDIR/hosts file, include all hosts in the cluster, and use IPv6 format and ssh:

\$ hostsfilesetup -v ipv6 -r ssh

Chapter 6. Use Isreghost instead of Isreglocalhost

In version 10.1, IBM Spectrum LSF introduced the command lsreghost. This command directly registers LSF host names and IP addresses with LSF servers so that LSF servers can internally resolve these hosts without requiring a DNS server.

As a result, the command <code>lsreglocalhost</code> is now deprecated. Use <code>lsreghost</code> instead. The <code>lsreghost</code> command resolves security vulnerabilities in <code>lsreglocalhost</code>. The <code>lsreglocalhost</code> command allows non LSF hosts to register as valid client hosts due to the fact that the command can be run by anyone on any client host when the IP range is matched.

Chapter 7. Configure LSF to use TCP for communication

LSF uses a mix of UPD and TCP calls for communication. If UDP is not reliable in your environment, configure LSF to use only TCP to communicate. Configure the parameters LSF_CALL_LIM_WITH_TCP and

LSF_ANNOUNCE_MASTER_TCP_WAITTIME in the configuration file lsf.conf.

LSF_CALL_LIM_WITH_TCP

Syntax 3 4 1

LSF_CALL_LIM_WITH_TCP=Y|y|N|n

Description

Use this parameter when UDP is not reliable in your environment. Defines whether LSF uses TCP or UDP to communicate with lims in the cluster.

When set to y, LSF uses only TCP to communicate with lims in the cluster.

When set to n, LSF uses UDP to communicate with lims in the cluster.

Note: Clients and daemons may still use TCP to communicate with the master lim when LSF_CALL_LIM_WITH_TCP=n, as LSF uses a mix of TCP and UDP calls to communicate.

If you are using resource connector to borrow hosts from Amazon Web Services(AWS), set LSF_CALL_LIM_WITH_TCP=y to provide a reliable protocol for dynamic hosts to connect to LSF.

If you are using LSF with a non-shared file system and the parameter LSF_GET_CONF=lim in the configuration file lsf.conf, you must add LSF_CALL_LIM_WITH_TCP=y in the slave lsf.conf file so that the client also uses TCP when communicating with lim.

Default

Undefined or n: LSF uses UDP to communicate with lims in the cluster.

See also

LSF_ANNOUNCE_MASTER_TCP_WAITTIME

LSF_ANNOUNCE_MASTER_TCP_WAITTIME

Syntax

LSF_ANNOUNCE_MASTER_TCP_WAITTIME=seconds

Description

Affects communication between the lim on the master host and slave lims. Defines how long a slave lim waits for the master lim to initiate communication. If after

startup the slave lim does not receive any announcement from the master lim within the configured time period, the slave lim sends a request to the master lim.

Important: This parameter can affect performance. Do not use this parameter for large clusters.

Default

60 seconds

Chapter 8. Enhance LSF security with eauth.cve

In LSF, authentication can come by means of external authentication using the LSF **eauth** executable, or by means of identification daemons (**identd**). External authentication provides the highest level of security and is the default method of authentication in LSF. It is installed in the directory specified by the **LSF_SERVERDIR** parameter in the lsf.conf file.

By default, **eauth** uses an internal key to encrypt authentication data, but you may use a customized external key to improve security. You can also write your own **eauth** executable to meet the security requirements of your cluster, using the default **eauth** as a demonstration of the **eauth** protocol.

Update the eauth executable file

You can also replace the default **eauth** executable file with the **eauth.cve** executable file, which automatically generates a site-specific internal key by using 128-bit AES encryption. Rename or move the original **eauth** executable file, then rename the **eauth.cve** executable file to **eauth**.

In Windows hosts, replace the eauth.exe executable file with eauth.cve.exe

The new **eauth** command rejects LSF requests from hosts with a UTC time offset of more than five minutes compared to the LSF server host.

If you are using IBM Spectrum LSF RTM, you must also update to the corresponding new **eauth** executable file for IBM Spectrum LSF RTM.

Note: You must replace the executable file on all LSF hosts in the LSF cluster to work together. Otherwise, LSF commands that run on the hosts without the new **eauth** executable file will encounter authentication problems.

Chapter 9. Configure LSF to use Amazon Web Server (AWS) as a resource provider

Use the aws_enable.sh script and the aws_enable.config file in \$LSF_TOP/10.1/install to configure LSF to use Amazon Web Server (AWS) as a resource provider through LSF resource connector. You can find instructions for using the script in the aws enable.sh file.

For detailed steps for enabling AWS in LSF resource connector, see the *Configuring IBM Spectrum LSFResource Connector for AWS* guide.

For detailed steps for enabling AWS in LSF resource connector, see the LSF Knowledge Center:https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSWRJV_10.1.0/lsf_resource_connector/lsf_rc_update_lsfconfig.html

Chapter 10. Configuring health check script for high availability applications

A Job Monitor is a customized script or binary that is written specifically for an application, You can use a Job Monitor to specify an application's state. Job Monitor is also known as health check script.

Using a Job Monitor to update activity states

You can use a Job Monitor to specify an activity's state.

The Job Monitor is responsible for reporting the application's TENTATIVE state, which indicates that an application is running but is not ready, such as when the application is initializing. This state can only be reported by a proprietary script or binary that has the knowledge of the specific application.

The script or binary is written specifically for one type of application and it is defined as a Job Monitor of the application. The Job Monitor reports the state of the application through stdout, which is parsed by EGO.

An application that has the Job Monitor defined will go to the TENTATIVE state first after the application process is started. The Job Monitor then updates the application's state to RUN after initialization. An application without the Job Monitor skips the TENTATIVE state during state transition and reports a RUN state even if the application is not actually ready.

If a Job Monitor is defined for an application, it is started immediately after the application process is started. The following environment variables are set for the Job Monitor process:

- **EGO ACTIVITY PID**: Indicates the PID of the application
- JOB_MONITOR_MAX_UPDATE_INTERVAL: Specifies the maximum update interval. The Job Monitor should communicate with EGO at least once per update interval

Job Monitor is configured as below in the application definition xml file:

<ego:ActivitySpecification>

<ego:JobMonitor>/mypath/mycommand myArge</ego:JobMonitor>
<ego:JobMonitorMaxUpdateInterval>60</ego:JobMonitorMaxUpdateInterval>
</ego:ActivitySpecification>

Using the Job Monitor protocol

Job Monitor passes application state to EGO by printing commands and parameters to stdout.

The following commands are supported:

- **UPDATE_STATE**: Valid parameters for this command are:
 - READY
 - TENTATIVE
 - ERROR (A Job Monitor that reports the ERROR state causes the application to be terminated by EGO.)

• **END**: This command informs EGO that the Job Monitor has nothing more to update and can exit. The application remains in the current state.

Note: All parameters must be encapsulated by a pair of single quotes. A single quote cannot be part of the parameter.

Example on Linux:

```
#!/bin/bash
# Job Monitor Sample
#Check EGO_APPLICATION_PID environment variable
if [ "$EGO_APPLICATION_PID" == "" ];then
    #Failed to get EGO APPLICATION PID
    echo "END"
exit
fi
echo "UPDATE STATE 'TENTATIVE'"
#Do some initial work, sleep 1 as dummy task
sleep 1
#Set the service instance to ready state which triggers application state to RUN
echo "UPDATE_STATE 'READY'"
#Assume the update interval is 1 second less than max
#If max update interval is not set in service profile, set updateInterval to 1 second
if [ -z $JOB_MONITOR_MAX_UPDATE_INTERVAL ] || [ $JOB_MONITOR_MAX_UPDATE_INTERVAL -le 0 ] ;then
   let updateInterval=1
else
   let updateInterval=$JOB_MONITOR_MAX_UPDATE_INTERVAL-1
#Monitoring container status
#This example just monitors the PID is existing. Other checks can be done to determine
#if there are issues or not and update status to ERROR. Otherwise it will continue to RUN
while [ 1 ];
do
   sleep $updateInterval
    #Do extra checking of the service here
    PID=`ps -ef | grep $EGO APPLICATION PID | grep -v "grep" | awk '{print $2}'`
    echo "Found PID $EGO_APPLICATION_PID" > /tmp/ego.out
   if [ "$PID" == "" ];then
       echo "UPDATE_STATE 'ERROR'"
       echo "END"
       exit
    fi
done
```

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